

UTILITY PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: MARQUARDT et al. Group Art Unit: 3723
Serial No.: 10/821,758 Examiner: Morgan, Eileen P.
Filed: 04/09/2004 Confirmation No. 1870

For: CMP APPARATUS AND LOAD CUP MECHANISM

Attorney Docket No.: 004.0050

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2007, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.